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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

1. This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

Group I, claim(s) 25, 27-34, 36-38, and 49-56, drawn to a combination of the elected tire with the patch mounted thereon and an electronic tag.

Group II, claim(s) 25-38 as examined in the Office action mailed July 1, 2004, drawn to the elected tire with the patch mounted thereon.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I-II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the subject matter common to both groups does not distinguish over the prior art (paragraph 9 of the Office action mailed July 1, 2004) and therefore cannot serve as a common special technical feature.

3. The amendment filed on February 8, 2005 changing all claims previously drawn to the elected invention into claims drawn to a non-elected invention and newly presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because of the reasons set forth above.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adrienne C. Johnstone whose telephone number is (571)272-1218. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30AM-7:00PM.

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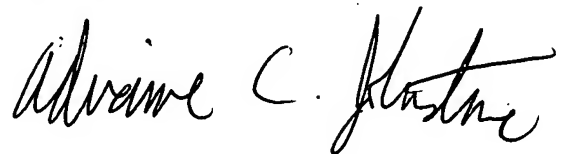
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on (571)272-1156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrienne C. Johnstone". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name and title.